# **EXHIBIT 1**



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January 17, 2013

#### VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Hon. George B. Daniels United States District Judge United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Re: Sokolow v. Palestine Liberation Org., 04-CV-397(GBD)(RLE)

Dear Judge Daniels:

I write regarding the status conference which was set for 10 am today, but was not convened because Plaintiffs' counsel failed to appear. As the Court is aware, the Court set the date and time for today's conference at the conclusion of the conference that was held on August 9, 2012. Both Mr. Schoen and Mr. Tolchin were present in the courtroom when the Court scheduled today's conference. The Court's remarks setting the conference for 10 am today were, of course, also recorded in the official transcript. See 8/9/12 Tr. at 84-85.

As the Court is also aware, three of Defendants' attorneys (Laura Ferguson, Brian Hill and myself) appeared at 10 am today in Courtroom 11A for the hearing. Under the circumstances, Defendants respectfully request that Plaintiffs or their counsel be required to compensate Defendants for some of the expense incurred as a result of their counsel traveling to New York to attend today's aborted conference. While Defendants could fairly request all the fees and expenses they incurred, Defendants respectfully request that Plaintiffs or their counsel be required to pay the train fare and hotel expenses for two of the three defense counsel who traveled to New York today. Those amounts total \$1426.00, and the receipts for those expenses are enclosed herewith.

Defendants had intended to ask the Court at today's hearing to set a schedule for summary judgment motions in this matter. Fact discovery in this case closed on December 21, 2012, and under the terms of the operative Scheduling Order, expert discovery will close on April 22, 2012. DE 131 ¶¶ 3-4. Although Plaintiffs have filed a motion seeking an extension of the fact and expert discovery deadlines, *see* DE 267, no order of the Court has in fact modified the original deadlines for fact or expert discovery. Accordingly, Defendants respectfully request that the Court set May 22, 2012 as the deadline for filing summary judgment motions in this matter.



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Defendants presently anticipate moving for summary judgment on all of the counts of the operative Amended Complaint in this matter. As the Court is aware, this case involves over forty individual plaintiffs who collectively seek \$3 billion in damages from Defendants for injuries they claim to have sustained in seven different attacks that took place in the Middle East over a three-year time period. Although some of the arguments Defendants anticipate advancing in their contemplated motion for summary judgment may cut across multiple incidents, plaintiffs or categories of injury, Defendants also anticipate that a certain amount of briefing will be required for each incident, category of plaintiff, or type of damage claim. Accordingly, Defendants also respectfully request that they be allowed to utilize up to 75 pages of briefing on their summary judgment motion. Obviously, if Defendants can complete their briefing in fewer pages, they will do so.

Finally, as the Court's clerk requested, we have communicated to Mr. Tolchin in order to obtain from him dates on which he is available to attend a conference in this case before Your Honor. Mr. Tolchin has represented that the Court's clerk informed him that the Court is considering dates in April. Counsel for both sides are generally available to appear before Your Honor for a status conference during the weeks of April 1 or April 15.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Rochon

Enclosures

cc:

Robert J. Tolchin, Esq. (via Federal Express) David I. Schoen (via Federal Express)

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